

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In re: BRADFORD C. WEBB *FAX RECEIVED*  
Serial No.: 08/870,199 *OCT 13 2000*  
Filed: June 5, 1997 *GROUP 1600*  
Examiner: Z. Fay  
Group Art Unit: 1614  
For: SYNTHETIC VISCOELASTIC MATERIAL FOR OPHTHALMIC APPLICATIONS

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Commissioner for Patents  
Attn: Z. Fay  
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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In a telephonic discussion of the status of the present application held earlier today, October 12, 2000, the Examiner requested supplementary information concerning a methylcellulose product characterized as "cellugel" in U.S. Patent No. 5,110,590. Attached hereto for the Examiner's information is a copy of the Declaration of Bradford C. Webb dated July 31, 1994, which was submitted to the Patent Office with the August 24, 1994, Response to an Office Action in U.S. Application Serial No. 240,941, which application issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,422,376, which is the subject of this reissue application.

The Examiner is directed specifically to paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Webb Declaration, which discuss a methylcellulose material known as "Cellugel VSF" that was discussed in the literature. Specifically, Mr. Webb confirms that this material "is not the high viscosity, high molecular weight material claimed in the present application..."

Any questions concerning this tel fax or the contents of the Declaration submitted herewith should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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